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Group Art. Unit: 1615

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Examiner: Carlos Azpuru

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COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This is regarding the Notice of Allowance mailed in the above-referenced patent application on January 10, 2003. The Notice of Allowance indicates forty-six (46) claims as pending and allowable. In fact, the above-referenced application contains 47 claims.

It is our understanding that claim 47 has been inadvertently omitted from the Notice of Allowance. Applicants note that claim 47 depends on independent claim 19, and further note that claims 20-25, which depend on claim 47, as well as independent claim 19, were indicated as allowed. Issuance of a corrected Notice of Allowance indicating all pending claims is respectfully requested.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment,
the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Attached is the Communication we spoke about yesterday.

Thank you.

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